



Walnut Ridge

Community Newsletter

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Walnut Ridge Community Association

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Letter from the President

Spring has arrived! Hallelujah! This past winter with its record setting snow falls and precipitation levels has been difficult to deal with to say the least. Thanks to our vigilant management company, D.H. Bader Management Services, Inc., the never ceasing efforts of our Board members, and the goodwill and hard work of our residents, we have been

able to survive this difficult time. We all look forward to the better weather and the associated activities it allows. Landscape replacements and improvements will soon begin. Speed humps and pavement repairs have been planned and will be completed as soon as possible.

As always, if you are contemplating any exterior change to your home, please make an official request to the Board of Directors using the A and E Application listed under Community Documents contained within the community website www.walnutridgeonline.org. Please refer to this site for any questions or concerns you may have regarding life here in Walnut Ridge. If you do not find the answers you are looking for, please do not hesitate to communicate directly with the Board through this site. I can assure you that a swift and speedy response will be forthcoming. Wishing you all good health and happiness on the advent of spring!

Best Regards,
Edward Rose, President
Walnut Ridge Community Association

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Board of Directors' Meetings

Board meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month beginning at 6:30 pm. **Homeowners** are welcome to attend the public portion of the monthly Board Meetings to share suggestions and concerns. If you plan to attend a meeting, **please call D.H. Bader Management Services (301-953-1955) to verify meeting dates, times and locations.**

Walnut Ridge Snow Removal Statistics

- \$19,662.00 spent on snow removal from the streets (this figure includes December 2009).
- \$1,188.56 spent on snow removal around mailboxes and sidewalks that abut Walnut Ridge Drive.
- \$537.80 spent on the removal of trees damaged by ice and snow and other debris clean-up.
- The speed humps should be replaced by the end of April. (Cost undetermined at this time).

Dumpster Dates ~ Plan Ahead!

The County will provide a dumpster which will be located in the cul-de-sac on September 17th and 18th. More info to follow in the Summer edition of the *Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter*.

Spring Clean Up!

Attention: Walnut Ridge Youths Ages 12 to 16!

Responsible, Walnut Ridge young adults ages 12 to 16 are wanted this Spring to try a new venture that is sure to keep Walnut Ridge looking tip-top! The Community Association will pay for a job well done in helping with community maintenance type tasks such as painting fire curbs, picking up trash, keeping the playground clean, cleaning mailboxes, etc.

Interested? **Parents** should email the Board at board@walnutridgeonline.org or contact the Association's manager, John Sheehy of D.H. Bader Management at (301) 953-1955 for more information or to sign up.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of Walnut Ridge Community Association consists of homeowners who volunteer their time to serve Walnut Ridge.

Contact the Board by email at:
board@walnutridgeonline.org

Officers

President: Ed Rose
Vice President: Laura Richardson
Treasurer: Vacant
Secretary: Anita Ramundo

Members at Large

Michelle Henderson
Ziggi Nickel
Gloria Petit Clair

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Laurel, MD 20707
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www.walnutridgeonline.org

The entire population of the United States in 1790 (the year of the first Census) could fit in what modern city? Find the Answer on Page 4.



**The Playground nor any Common Area in Walnut Ridge is NOT A DOG PARK!
Dogs MUST be on leashes at all times!**

Editor's Corner



It's Spring! I like the sound of that! I am so looking forward to the warmer temperatures and plentiful sunshine that spring can bring. It can also bring those gentle spring showers. Spring is that transition period between winter and summer.

Spring means the promise of new beginnings. It's the newlyweds beginning their life together, boys and girls playing on spring sports teams for the first time, or juniors and seniors going to prom. The arrival of spring means shopping for that special prom gown or Easter dress. It means high school and college seniors who are just that much closer to the long-awaited graduation day.

For some folk, spring is a rejuvenation time, a time to get out of the house, to spend time outdoors and be revitalized. For others, it is a time for a fresh start or even a new start. Unfortunately, for others, spring only means sneezing, wheezing, watery and itchy eyes.

As for me, I get that spring cleaning bug and can't wait to start washing windows, putting away the winter clothes and getting the spring and summer wardrobe ready.

In my grandparents' day, Spring cleaning meant changing from winter drapes to summer drapes, changing from winter carpets to summer carpets, taking out storm windows and putting in the screens. April was the month that the moths began to "wake up" and were starving, so of course the furs, blankets, drapes, clothes, etc. were prime targets. Every article in every drawer and closet were taken outside and were shaken, brushed, and then beaten with a broom. The winter things all had to be put away with "moth balls." Everything was scrubbed from top to bottom. Even the lampshades were washed!

Spring is here, and we're ready! Goodbye winter gloom, Hello spring blooms!

Services



Do you have a repair or service company that you've been particularly satisfied with? Would you like to share with our residents the names and contact information of that person or company? If so, we'd like to hear about them! Please send an email to board@walnutridgeonline.org for possible inclusion on our website.

Need a Recycling Day Reminder?

Would you find it helpful to have an email sent to your inbox the day before your recycling is to be picked up? If so, then visit



www.RecycleMoreOften.com and click on Additional Resources, choose Reminders and Sign Up! Tuesdays are Recycling Days in Walnut Ridge.

Close Calls

Parents: Please, please discourage your children from playing in our streets! That is what our common area and playground are for. It has happened time and time again — children have been observed playing in our streets (sometimes with parents nearby) and cars or trucks come around corners and do not see the children playing. Oft times the children are riding on small trikes and it is difficult for motorists to see them. Do not wait until something happens before you take action! Have your children play on sidewalks, common areas or the playground.



WIPERS ON—LIGHTS ON

Did you know that Maryland law **requires** drivers to turn on headlights whenever windshield wipers are in use?

(MD Code, Transportation, § 22-201.2)

ARCHIVE YOUR LIFE – For your Children, Future Children and Grandchildren

Walnut Ridge is a ‘Family Community’ with a wonderful history, beautiful scenery and many ‘stories’ to tell (if only it could tell them). I’m sure you’ll remember Walnut Ridge long after you’ve moved elsewhere.

Have you ever considered how your family descendants will remember you? How about creating an archived history or ‘legacy’ of your life to pass along to your family? Such an archive will include photos, videos, notes, memories, a family tree and other writings about you – so, that when you die, you’ll be remembered the way you would really like to be remembered.

With websites like “ancestry.com” “familytree.com” and “genealogy.com”, you might think that creating your ‘legacy’ would be an easy thing to do. But, it really takes a detailed plan, along with your determination and perseverance, to create a legacy that will be meaningful to your progeny and their descendants.

One ‘key’ thing to remember is **DON’T WAIT TOO LONG** before you begin!! It’s best to start gathering your information when you are young and while the older relatives in your family are still alive. Once your Parents, Grand Parents, Great Grand Parents, Aunts & Uncles have ‘passed-on’, you will never be able to ask them about their past knowledge of the family.

But, even if you’re now older, you’re never too old to start creating your ‘legacy’. You can start today by creating a Diary of your daily activities and a Journal of your past experiences and memories. Take photos and videos whenever you can – and, save them in a safe place where your family will have access to them (like an on-line, password-protected back-up website or a dedicated local hard-drive). If you’re not into using computers, then have your photos and videos processed and stored to a DVD file by a family member (or a 3rd party such as Office Depot, Staples, Kinko’s, Ritz Camera, etc).

Remember, it’s MOST important to start archiving your life now!! Just imagine a time in the future when your Great-Grandchildren are able to discover your life as it was “**waay back in 2010**” – in your own words, writings, stories, memories, videos and pictures. Do it for yourself and for future generations of your family.

Don’t Forget!**Sign Up for Walnut Ridge News!**

Sign up on-line for periodic e-mail bulletins, news, announcements, updates and information about your Walnut Ridge Community. Send an email to subscribe@walnutridgeonline.org and add the words “Sign Me Up” in the subject line. You will receive an email from mailing list manager [majordomo@ml.1and1.com] requesting confirmation of your subscription. Make sure you’ve unblocked both ml.1and1.com and walnutridgeonline.org in your spam filter software.

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

~Henry Van Dyke

Answer to the Census trivia question on page 2:
Los Angeles

Source: <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>

WALNUT RIDGE REAL ESTATE

Active Listings:

- 1366 Almond Drive
- 1394 Almond Drive
- 1372 Hazel Nut Court

Average List Price \$235,266



Recent Home Sales:

- 1346 Hazel Nut Court - \$240,000
- 1363 Hazel Nut Court - \$270,000
- 1354 Tanook Court - \$260,000
- 1358 Tanook Court - \$238,900

Average Sale Price \$252,225



Statistics courtesy of: Ziggi Nickel, Long & Foster Realtors 410-544-4000 and taken from MRIS (Metropolitan Regional Information Services)

2010 Holiday Curbside Collection



During a Holiday Week

Your curbside collections for recycling, trash, & yard waste will occur as follows:



Anne Arundel County
Waste Management Services

Recycling Division
2662 Riva Road, Suite 490
Annapolis, MD 21401
(410) 222-7951

For more information or for tips to boost your recycling visit:



HOLIDAY	COLLECTION DAY CHANGE
New Year's Day - Fri, JAN 1	
Friday collections will occur	→ Saturday JAN 2
Memorial Day - Mon, MAY 31	
Monday collections will occur	→ Tuesday JUNE 1
Tuesday collections will occur	→ Wednesday JUNE 2
Independence Day - Sun, JUL 4	
No collection changes	
Labor Day - Mon, SEP 10	
Monday collections will occur	→ Tuesday SEP 7
Tuesday collections will occur	→ Wednesday SEP 8
Thanksgiving Day - Thurs, NOV 25	
Thursday collections will occur	→ Friday NOV 26
Friday collections will occur	→ Saturday NOV 27
Christmas Day - Sat, DEC 25	
No collection changes	

This document is available at www.aacounty.org/DPW/WasteManagement/HolidaySchedule.cfm

Who Should You Call About ...

- Suspicious Activity? Call Anne Arundel County Police 911
- Dogs running loose? Call Animal Control at 410-222-8900
- Loud music? Call Anne Arundel County Police 911
- Barking dogs? Call Animal Control at 410-222-8900
- Disturbing the Peace? Call Anne Arundel County Police 911
- Mutt Mitts empty at Pet Stations? Call D.H. Bader Management at 301-953-1955, Ext. 11
- Fireworks being set off? Call Anne Arundel County Police 911
- Visitor's Parking abuse? Call D.H. Bader Management at 301-953-1955, Ext. 11
- See Page 12 for additional contacts.



Hazelnut Chocolate Chip Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup old-fashioned oats
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks), at room temperature
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 4 ounces English toffee candy, finely chopped (Heath or Skor)
- 1 cup hazelnuts, toasted, skinned and chopped
- 1 (12-ounce) bag semisweet chocolate chips

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Line 2 heavy baking sheets with parchment paper. Finely chop the oats in a food processor. Transfer the oats to a medium bowl. Mix in the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.

Using an electric mixer, beat the butter and sugars in a large bowl until fluffy. Beat in the eggs and vanilla. Add the flour mixture and stir just until blended. Stir in the toffee, hazelnuts, and chocolate chips.

For each cookie, drop 1 rounded tablespoonful of dough onto sheet, spacing 1 inch apart (do not flatten dough). Bake until the cookies are golden (cookies will flatten slightly), about 15 minutes. Cool the cookies on the baking sheets for 5 minutes. Transfer to a cooling rack and cool completely. (The cookies can be prepared 1 day ahead. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.)

PoNdO's Tech Trek – Spring 2010

You may already know about the following Tech notes. My focus is on those Computer Users who may not have a thorough understanding of the tips, shortcuts and information I have to offer. Please, feel free to share your favorite Computer tweaks with your fellow Walnut Ridge Community Residents by sending e-mail to this Newsletter.

VIRUS & SCAM ALERTS - RED ALERT

- **One of the latest scams to get Users to download viruses** is to spoof your own e-mail address. You may actually receive a message that appears to have been sent to you, **by you**. Contained within that e-mail may be an attachment (usually a .zip compressed file) or a link that will load a virus onto your computer if you click on it. Don't click-on or download **anything** from such e-mail.
- **You may receive an e-mail** from someone claiming to be from a 'Web Master' 'Network Administrator' 'Account Supervisor' 'Tech Support' or some other **official-sounding** person. The e-mail will tell you that, for security reasons, you must update your e-mail account, your Facebook/My Space account, your bank account, your PayPal account, your IRS account, a Credit Card account, etc. This type of e-mail may contain a link to a website or (again) a .zip file attachment. **DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK OR TRY TO DOWNLOAD OR OPEN THE .ZIP FILE!!** Doing so will probably load a virus onto your computer. Instead, using a phone number or e-mail address you know to be valid, phone or e-mail the entity in question.
- **Be suspicious of any official-looking e-mail that does not contain your REAL name.** If you receive e-mail that begins "Dear PayPal User" "Dear eBay User" "Dear Bank of American Customer" "Dear Visa Cardholder" etc, you are probably being scammed!! Genuine e-mail will usually begin with your correct full name that is associated with your account – like "Dear John P. Jones".
- **Be suspicious if an e-mail mentions your Credit Card number as "Your Account 4*** **** **** *"** This is **ALWAYS** a scam! Genuine e-mail from Credit Card accounts will always mention the correct name you have associated with an account and will express your Credit Card number as "Your Account ending in 4567 (the correct last four digits of your Credit Card)" or "Your Account **** * 4567 (the correct last four digits of your Credit Card)". Even if your name and last four digits match up correctly, I still recommend that you initiate a phone call or e-mail (using a phone number or e-mail address that you already know to be valid) and **confirm** that the e-mail was sent by them.
- **NEVER give out personal information** (passwords, PIN codes, date-of-birth, account numbers, etc.) **to anyone who phones you** (or e-mails you). Instead, ask for their phone number and tell them you will call them back. Then, phone the company supposedly represented by the caller or e-mailer – and, **use a phone number that you already know to be valid** (such as the phone number printed on the back of your Credit Card or on your bank statement). If a company you do business with needs information, you have initiated the call – so, you know you're actually talking to a real company.

I hope that this information will help you avoid accidentally installing a virus on your computer – and, avoid being scammed. Look for another Tech Trek in the Summer issue of the Walnut Ridge Community Newsletter.

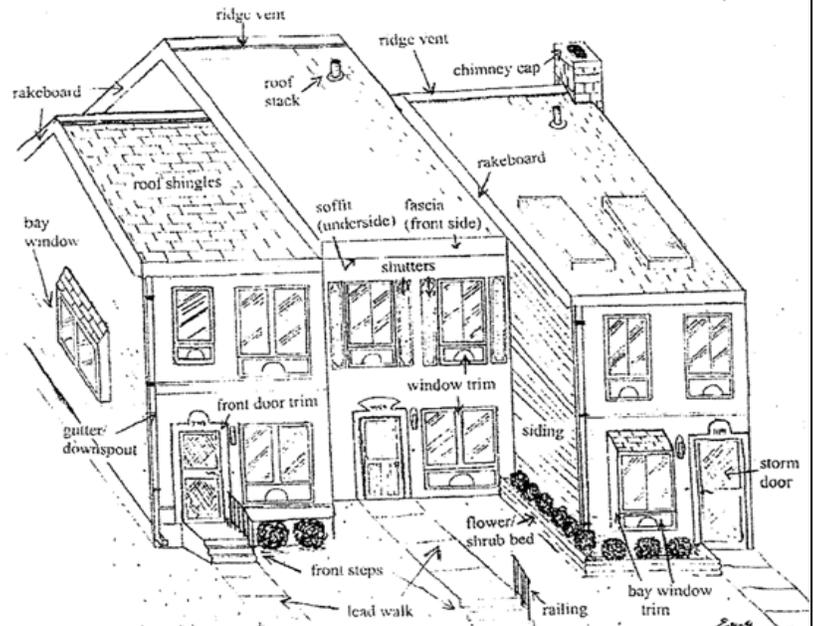
Safe Computing!!

PoNdO → djpondo @ gmail . com (without the spaces)

SPRING WALK-THROUGH INSPECTION REMINDER!

The annual exterior inspection of all homes will begin soon. Each owner should take a close look at their home and yard and clean up or make repairs to these items:

- ❖ Is your house paint peeling? Be sure you also check the trim – on both the front/back and side of your home!
- ❖ Is your fence leaning or are slats missing? Are your gutters/downspouts missing or loose? Do you have any missing or loose siding?
- ❖ Have you made an improvement (deck, fence, storm door, etc.) to your home without obtaining prior approval from the association?
- ❖ Is there an accumulation of items in your front or rear yard or on your deck or patio, such as toys, boxes, bags, etc.?
- ❖ Is there any rotted wood around your windows/doors?
- ❖ Does your sidewalk, front steps or porch need repair?
- ❖ Are your window screens torn or off track? Are your doors in disrepair?



This reminder is to give you an opportunity to correct any problems before the walk through. We appreciate your efforts in maintaining the beauty of your community.

WALNUT RIDGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
c/o D.H. Bader Management Services, Inc.
14435 Cherry Lane Court, Suite 210
Laurel, MD 20707

Exterior Paint Colors

If you are painting the outside of your home, remember to use the colors as required by the Association's Architectural and Environmental Standards:

- ◆ **Siding:** Olympic #59620A Premium Acrylic Solid Color Latex Stain, "Solid Cedar" color.
- ◆ **Trim:** Bruning #300-29 Exterior Alkyd Primer and painted with Bruning 3315-00 Exterior Semi-Gloss White.



If you have any questions about exterior requirements, please contact the Association's management company, D.H. Bader.

Improvement Approval Reminder!

The arrival of Spring prompts many homeowners to contemplate sprucing up the exterior of their homes. If you have plans which will affect the **physical appearance** of your home, an Application for Exterior Alteration, Addition or New Construction form must be submitted to the property manager for review and approval **before** work begins. You'll find Application Forms at www.walnutridgeonline.org

You will want to avoid a situation where improvements have been made ahead of approval, then subsequently disallowed.

Please make the effort to **obtain approval** before you begin exterior construction or landscaping. Taking this step will avoid misunderstandings as well as preserve and protect you and your neighbor's investment.



1340 Almond Drive



440 Peach Court

**Editor's Pick for the most promising
Spring Curb Appeal!**



1301 Hazel Nut Court

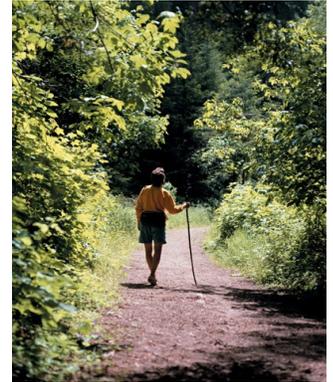


1345 Hazel Nut Court

A Word From The Walnut Ridge Wanderer

The Walnut Ridge Wanderer reports on various observations around the community. To preserve anonymity, the identity and gender of the Wanderer will not be revealed. (However, I will say that this Editor is not the Wanderer.)

It seems like Winter was never ending. I am so tired of snow that I put off writing this message until I saw official signs of spring. And I did have to wait a few weeks longer than usual.



That storms in February made our community look like the North Pole. Tried to take my daily walk around the neighborhood during the storm and almost lost my way. Could hardly see my house from across the playground. Had to follow my tracks home. Look at the street sign

Looks like some father and sons had fun on a sled.



Facebook is full of photos of the snow. See one see them all. Take a looky at the beautiful birds gathered around the water dish.

Wish I had pictures of the nice folks who were Snow Angels, helping their neighbors shovel out. Saw one guy over on Peach Court shoveling out the street, too. Good people in Walnut Ridge.

So last week, I took my walking stick over to Sandy Point Park and met other folks who were out enjoying the first warm and sunny day.



So how do I know that Spring is here? First, it was the green leaves popping up out of the ground, second it was the last remnants of the snow pile on my deck and third was the gush of water during the rain storm on Saturday coming out of our woods and flowing into the drainage area.



Oh my, I worry about the salt that is flowing into our bay. Well now that we can see the ground, let's hope that people clean up after their pets.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

AA County – Main Number	410-222-7000
AA County Fire – Emergency Calls	911
AA County Fire – Non-Emergency	410-222-8300
AA County Police -Emergency	911
AA County Police – Non-Emergency	410-222-8050
AA County Health Nuisance Complaints	410-222-7364
AA County Department of Public Works	410-222-7940
AA County Department of Public Works/Waste Management	410-222-6100
Animal Control	410-222-8900
Annapolis City Police	410-268-9000
Anne Arundel Medical Center	443-481-1000
BGE – All Calls	800-685-0123
BGE – Report Power Outage	877-778-2222
Broadneck Library	410-222-1905
Broadstripe Cable (formerly Millennium)	410-987-9300
Bulk Item/Waste Removal	410-222-6104
Cable – Broadstripe (formerly Millennium)	410-987-9300
Cable – Comcast Cable	800-266-2278
Cape St. Claire Volunteer Fire Department	410-757-3434
Comcast Cable	800-266-2278
CLT Utilities, Inc.	410-697-2026
D.H. Bader Management Services	301-953-1955 Ext. 11
Department of Public Works	410-222-7940
Department of Public Works/Waste Management	410-222-6100
Environmental Health	410-222-7364
Health Nuisance Complaints	410-222-7364
J&W Utilities	410-827-8516
Maryland State Police Headquarters	410-653-4200
North County Towing	410-255-4494
Post Office – Legion Avenue	410-573-0953
Poison Control	800-492-2414
Recycling & Yard Waste	410-222-6100
Salvation Army (Donated Items Pickup)	410-263-4019
Towing – North County Towing	410-255-4494
Trash Pickup Problems	410-222-6104
Water and Sewer Bills	410-222-1144
Water & Sewer Emergencies (no water)	410-222-8400